

## News from

# Council President Todd Gloria

# City of San Diego - District Three

#### Friends,

Summertime is in full swing, it's Pride Week, and hard work continues at City Hall. I hope you can take the time to join me for cocktails in Normal Heights this Thursday evening to learn the latest news and provide me with your concerns, questions, and input.

Cocktails with your Council President
Thursday, July 11
5:30—7:00 p.m.
Sycamore Den\*, 3391 Adams Avenue
Normal Heights
\*Please note that Sycamore Den is a 21 and up venue.

#### **Pride Parade and Festival**

July is LGBT Pride Month in the City of San Diego, and this weekend we will celebrate with the annual Pride Parade and Pride Festival. Please join my parade contingent and meet at the DMV parking lot by 10:30 a.m. I'll be stationed at my booth at the Festival immediately after the parade, from 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, so be sure to stop by! More complete details about the official events, ticket information, and more can be found <a href="here">here</a>, and all San Diegans are welcome. Curious about parking options? Try <a href="http://www.parkhillcrest.com">http://www.parkhillcrest.com</a>.

Pride Parade Saturday, July 13 11:00 a.m.

Starts at the Pride Flag Monument on University Avenue at Normal Street and concludes at the Festival in Balboa Park along Sixth Avenue.

Pride Festival
Saturday, July 13, 12:00 – 10:00 p.m.
Sunday, July 14, 11:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Balboa Park, along Sixth Avenue near Juniper Street

#### **Bike Sharing Coming to San Diego!**

Today, the City Council took a giant step toward finally bringing bike sharing to San Diego. We approved a corporate partnership agreement with DecoBike, LLC for the financing, implementation, management, and operation of a self-service bike sharing system for a 10 year term. While I appreciate that the agreement represents a capital investment to the City valued at \$7.2 million, I'm more excited about this latest way of delivering a new transportation option to San Diegans.

Bike sharing has been implemented effectively in many major cities, including Washington, D.C. Bikes are secured at stations and available for public rental. Users can then park them at any station when their rides are complete. In addition to increasing the number of bikes in our City, I believe bike sharing could increase transit ridership by providing a new option linking transit riders to their destination other than walking.

This effort, which began last year under the leadership of then-Mayor Jerry Sanders, will generate great benefit to our community and will be implemented citywide, likely between January and March 2014.

Number of bikes: 1,800 – 2,200
 Number of stations: 180 – 220
 Number of bike docks: 3,240 – 3,960

Now that the City has a bike sharing partner, DecoBike will begin the process of gathering community input and designing the network. This process will include the selection of bike

share station sites. Stay tuned for ways you can provide your input.

### **Uptown Regional Bike Corridor Public Meeting: July 10**

The planning of major bike projects in Council District Three continues with another public meeting on July 10. I appreciate the input provided thus far by neighbors, the Community Advisory Group, and other interested parties, and know the result will be a useful, safe corridor that prioritizes bicycling as a real transportation option for our communities. A similar workshop for the North Park – Mid-City Regional Bike Corridor will be scheduled soon, and I'll keep you posted on that. You can also follow along online with the latest developments on SANDAG's bike projects.

Uptown Regional Bike Corridor Community Workshop Wednesday, July 10 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Balboa Park Club, Santa Fe Room

More info: http://www.keepsandiegomoving.com/RegionalBikeProjects/uptown\_intro.aspx

#### **FREE Bicycle Classes Offered**

If you are excited about the investments being made in bicycle infrastructure but aren't confident in your knowledge of biking safety, the San Diego County Bicycle Coalition is now offering FREE monthly classes that include information on route planning, bike laws, fixing a flat, and more. Appropriately, the first one is scheduled for Council District Three. For more, visit <a href="https://www.sdcbc.org">www.sdcbc.org</a> or call 858-248-0664.

Ride Smart Class Sunday, July 14 1:00 p.m. Golden Hill Recreation Center 2600 Golf Course Drive

#### **Passport Service Now Available at City Hall**

In addition to our core services, the City of San Diego recently began taking U.S. passport applications at the City Administration Building. The Passport Acceptance Facility, operated by

our fabulous City Clerk's office, is located in the lobby of 202 C Street and is open weekdays from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. by appointment only. For an appointment, please call 619-533-4050. This service used to be available at community service centers, which have been closed since 2009. Details are available on the City Clerk's webpage.

### **SR 94 Express Lanes Community Enhancement Workshops**

Caltrans invites neighbors to attend public workshops to provide input for potential community enhancement projects related to the State Route 94 Express Lanes Project currently being planned.

I am well aware of the high level of community interest in this project and strongly encourage your participation in these workshops to make sure the impacted neighborhoods receive the maximum benefits possible.

The SR 94 Express Lanes Project proposes to connect Interstate 805 South Express Lanes with Downtown by constructing two new Express Lanes along SR 94, one in each direction, and a new direct connector between SR 94 and I-805. The Express Lanes would accommodate new Bus Rapid Transit service, in addition to carpools/vanpools traveling between South Bay and Downtown, and connect to a wider network of Express Lanes on I-805 and at a future date on I-15. The project would also modify interchanges, connectors, and bridge overcrossings and undercrossings within the project limits. The project will be analyzed in an Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Study.

SR 94 Community Enhancement Workshops Wednesday, July 17 6:00 – 8:30 p.m. Jacobs Center for Neighborhood Innovation Chollas View Room 404 Euclid Avenue

Wednesday, July 24 6:00 – 8:30 p.m. Sherman Heights Community Center 2258 Island Avenue

Thank you for the opportunity to serve,

Todd

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